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**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2002**

**Attendance: Mayor Snow Council: Gregg Gowan Others: Sandra Gowan, Clerk/Treasurer
David H. Rogers, Jr. Phil Sinclair, House Rep. #35
Chris Gowan**

Mayor Snow called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Council Member David H. Rogers, Jr.

Amendment to the Agenda:

-A motion was made by Mayor Snow to add Phil Sinclair, House Representative #35.

Second: Council Member Gregg Gowan All in favor

-A motion was made by Mayor Snow that after all motions to amend the Agenda were complete, they would pause and resume with the agenda recognizing Jeff Horton, candidate for Chairman of the Spartanburg County Council upon his arrival.

Second: Council Member Gregg Gowan All in favor

-A motion was made by Mayor Snow to add in New Business the proposed agreement with Duke Power before the first reading of the Municipal Ordinance.

Second: Council Member Gregg Gowan All in favor

-A motion was made by Mayor Snow to add in New Business the Resolution of intent to participate in the S.C. Municipal Insurance and Risk Fund.

Second: Council Member Gregg Gowan All in favor

-A motion was made by Mayor Snow to add an agreement to participate in the S.C. Workers Compensation Insurance Fund.

Second: Council Member Gregg Gowan All in favor

-A motion was made by Mayor Snow to add the contractual bids for grass cutting.

Second: Council Member David H. Rogers, Jr. All in favor

JEFF HORTON, CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN SPARTANBURG COUNTY:

Mr. Horton did not attend.

PHIL SINCLAIR, HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE #35:

Mayor Snow invited Mr. Sinclair to speak.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 8, 2002 were read and approved as written.

Motion: Council Member Gregg Gowan Second: Council Member Chris Gowan All in favor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

-The Planning Commission met on May 6, 2002 for a Workshop session to discuss and rework the town's Land Use Ordinance. Those present were Commissioner Buddy Carlton, Mayor Snow, Council Member Gregg Gowan, Sandra Gowan and Steve Pelissier of COG. The workshop session was not held. Mr. Pelissier suggested that COG meet with Sandra Gowan to rework the Land Use Ordinance and upon completion submit to the Planning Commission to review before submitting to council. Sandra will be making an appointment with COG.

-Spartanburg County Sheriff's Sub Station is in operation at the Town Hall. Sheriff Coffey, Sergeants and Captain's came and visited town hall. Each said the facilities at Town Hall would benefit the deputies. The community has spoken highly of the presence of police in the town.

-The cemetery committee needs to meet to work on by laws.

-A correction to information received about the Spartanburg County Representative for this area. Prior information was Frank Nutt would replace Rock Adams. Rock Adams will still represent this area.

-The refrigerator for the town hall has been purchased and a window air conditioner heating unit has been donated for the deputy sub station.

-The Environmental Clean Up Day held April 20 was a success.

REPORTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

-The Duke Power Municipal Electric Service Agreement (See Appended) was faxed to our town attorney, Frank Adams. Mr. Adams suggests that council review the agreement and makes any changes before submitting to him for approval.

Council discussed the Agreement as follows:

Paragraph 1 states receiving 3% of revenue with an option to go 4%. We can delete this and stay with 3% for the next 7 years or have the option to go to 4% within the next 7 years. This would be more expense to the residents but if there were to be a cut in revenue from another source this could replace the lost revenue. Leave paragraph 1 as stated.

Paragraph 4 states that we would have to purchase all electricity for the municipality from Duke Power. This will not work because of Laurens Electric being located within the municipality. This paragraph would be deleted.

Paragraph 7 states the town would be responsible for any cost incurred for removing any power lines to cut new roads. We will not be able to remove this from the Agreement.

David White representative for Duke Power will provide a new contract.

Mayor Snow made a motion to receive the Duke Power Municipal Electric Service Agreement leaving Paragraph 1 as is and deleting Paragraph 4.

Second: Council Member Gregg Gowan All in favor

-The 1st reading of the Resolution and Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Reidville Approving a Contract (See Appended) with Duke Power. The wording Resolution and Ordinance received from Duke Power was confusing to council. Council Member Gregg Gowan wanted to know if it could be both. A discussion was held.

A motion was made by Council Member Gregg Gowan to omit resolution and call it Ordinance of the Council of the Town of Reidville Approving a Contract and to accept for the 1st reading.

Second: Council Member David H. Rogers, Jr. All in favor

1st Reading was held on May 13, 2002.

-Resolution of intent to participate in the SC Municipal Insurance and Risk Finance Fund. (See Appended) This resolution will allow the town to become a member in order to purchase the town's tort liability insurance.

A motion was made by Council Member Gregg Gowan to accept the Resolution of intent to participate in the SC Municipal Insurance and Risk Finance Fund.

Second: Council Member Chris Gowan All in favor

-Resolution to agree to participate in the SC Municipal Insurance Trust Workers Compensation Fund. (See Appended) The workers compensation will not cover volunteers. The tort liability insurance will cover volunteers. The cost will be \$704.00 per year.

A motion was made by Council Member Gregg Gowan to accept the Resolution to agree to participate in the SC Municipal Insurance Trust Workers Compensation Fund.

Second: Council Member David H. Rogers, Jr. All in favor

Council Member Gregg Gowan stated if a Risk Management Consultant was needed he recommended David Gowan.

-Council has recently amended the format of the agenda. The clerk attended the Municipal Clerk Treasurer School in Columbia and one class topic was the agenda. She assures council that the agenda be broken into topics that are to be discussed by council. This is very important for the Freedom of Information Act. The change will increase the work for the clerk, Mayor and Council Members. Items for the agenda will need to be reported to the clerk no later than Wednesday prior to the regular scheduled council meetings in order to finalize the agenda and be posted by two business days before the meeting.

According to the clerk, council needs to practice using the Procedures for conducting meetings that were adopted by council.

-We need to get bids for the remodeling of the bathroom in town hall.

-Council has received 4 bids for the grass cutting at town hall.

A motion was made by Mayor Snow to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiation for grass cutting with one bid submitted by a town's personnel.

Second: Council Member Gregg Gowan All in favor with Council Member Chris Gowan abstaining due to a personal conflict of interest, leaving before the Executive Session.

Council came out of Executive Session and called back to order at 8:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Gregg Gowan to hire Sandra Gowan to cut grass at town hall each week for \$75.00 per month beginning in March and ending in October averaging 28 to 32 times per year.

Council Member Gregg Gowan stated before the second, he wanted it to be known there were multiple bids received for grass cutting. Some were higher bids and another lower with cuttings to be biweekly. One submitted a bid for weekly cuttings.

Second: Council Member David H. Rogers, Jr. All in favor with Council Member Chris Gowan abstaining due to a personal conflict of interest.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Council Member Gregg Gowan made a motion to accept the financial report as written.

Second: Council Member Chris Gowan All in favor

CITIZEN AGENDA:

Mayor Snow says as a citizen, the painting of the Candy Canes will be held Thursday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m. The place for painting will be at the clerk's farm.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Motion: Council Member Gregg Gowan Second: Council Member David H. Rogers, Jr. All in favor